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This book examines the life of the Reverend Moses Michael Coady (1890-1959), a Roman Catholic priest who led the Antigonish Movement. During the Antigonish Movement, residents of the small maritime town of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, worked to achieve a nonviolent alternative to communism and fascism and to effect the social and economic transformation of their community through the formation of cooperatives, study clubs, and other forms of communal working and learning. The biography is based almost exclusively on original, primary documents, including materials from newspapers, obscure magazines, and a column called "The Anvil," which Reverend Coady wrote for a newspaper called the "Bulletin" (later called "The Maritime Co-operator"). The chapter titles are as follows: (1) "A New and Disturbing Presence"; (2) "On the Side of the Impossible"; (3) "Fields of Lost Opportunity"; (4) "Mobilizing the People for Enlightenment (1930-1935)"; (5) In the Eye of the World (1935-1939)"; (6) "Conceptual Architectonics"; (7) "The World Might Break Your Heart (1939-1945)"; (8) "Living in Dangerous Times (1945-1952)"; (9) "Land of Moab (1952-1959)"; and (10) "Dreaming Beyond the Mountain." A total of 458 endnotes are included. (MN)

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